MINUTES OF THE Georgia State Board of Examiners for Podiatry February 18, 2005

The Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners met on Friday, February 18, 2005 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Members Present:

- Dr. Christoph C. Zenker, President
- Dr. Sarvepalli D. Jokhai, Cognizant
- Dr. William B. Turner
- Mr. Ellis A. Spence, Consumer Board Member

Staff Present:

- Lee H. Tracy, Executive Director
- Dena C. Kirkman, Board Secretary
- Ajay Gohil, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Absent:

• Adrian D. Whitehead, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Dr. Zenker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Zenker, seconded Spence, and motion carried to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and investigations. Voting in favor of the motion was Jokhai and Turner.

<u>In the conclusion of the Executive Session</u>, the Board returned to Open Session to vote on the matters discussed in Executive Session and to conduct other Board business.

COGNIZANT REPORT

POD020068: Quarterly report received and accepted.

POD0026: Quarterly report received and accepted.

POD050005: Request from supervisor a job summary and description.

POD020067: File obtained by Cognizant for review.

POD050022: Close case.

POD050025: Close case.

POD050028: Close case.

POD050032: Close case.

Motion Zenker, seconded Spence, and motion carried to accept the recommendations of the Cognizant Board Member.

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Board Attorney, Ajay Gohil provided the Board with the status of cases being worked by the Attorney General's Office.

Motion Zenker, seconded Spence, and motion carried to accept the recommendations of the Board Attorney.

OPEN SESSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Lee Tracy advised the Board that the licensure renewal period will begin August 2005 and that Board Staff is preparing for that process. Renewals will be done online unless a paper renewal is requested by the licensee. Postcards will be mailed to the licensee advising them of this change.

MINUTES

Motion Zenker, seconded Turner, and motion carried to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2004 meeting.

RULE REVISIONS

Christoph C. Zenker, Board Chairman, presented the following Rule for Posting and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the statutory provisions. The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned, and operated and dominant in the field of Podiatry.

Rule 500-2-.01 Requirements for Examination and Licensure.

Christoph Zenker made a motion to approve for posting. Ellis Spence seconded the motion. The motion carried with Zenker, Turner, Jokhai, and Spence voting in favor of posting the proposed rule change.

MISCELLANEOUS

The remaining Board Meeting Dates for 2005 were reviewed and confirmed as follows:

- May 6, 2005
- August 5, 2005
- November 4, 2005

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion Zenker, seconded Spence, and motion carried to adjourn meeting at 3:25 pm.

Minutes Recorded by Dena Kirkman. Minutes prepared by Adrian Whitehead. Minutes Reviewed by Lee Tracy, Executive Director.

Dr. Christoph C. Zenker President
Mollie L. Fleeman Division Director